



## **Pile Burning Planned to Complete BLM Fuels Projects Tooele County**

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Snow on the ground and favorable weather conditions have provided a window for the West Desert Fire Zone BLM to complete Fuels projects initiated over 2010. Trained fire personnel will burn piles of tree slash piles in Tooele County this week. The piles are the by-product of thinning projects performed surrounding the communities of Ibapah and Vernon; the primary goal of these is to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire by breaking up the continuity of the juniper woodland.

Fire managers have performed similar treatments throughout the last decade. Observations from prior treatments have exhibited secondary success by improving wildlife habitat through an increase in herbaceous vegetation, formerly crowded out by the dense juniper.

Fire crews will monitor burn piles following ignition days.

### **Ibapah Pile Burn**

**Location:** West side of Deep Creek Mountains, close to Ibapah

**Target Date:** Monday, January 31, 2011

### **Hill Springs Pile Burn**

**Location:** Lookout Pass, close to Vernon

**Target Date(s):** week of January 31, 2011

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